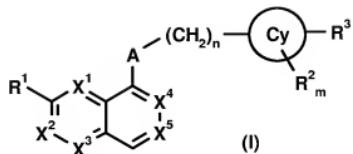


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A compound of formula (I):



wherein

A is an oxygen or a sulphur atom, a NH, an alkylene, an alkenylene, an alkynylene or a heteroalkylene group,

X¹, X², X³, X⁴ and X⁵ are each independently of the others nitrogen atoms or groups of formula CH or CR⁴,

Cy is a cycloalkylene, a heterocycloalkylene, an arylene or a heteroarylene group,

R¹ is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydroxy, an amino, a mercapto, an alkyl, a heteroalkyl, an alkyloxy, a heteroalkyloxy, a cycloalkyl, a heterocycloalkyl, an alkylcycloalkyl, a heteroalkylcycloalkyl, a cycloalkyloxy, an alkylcycloalkyloxy, a heterocycloalkyloxy or a heteroalkylcycloalkyloxy group,

the radicals R², each independently of any other(s), are a halogen atom, a hydroxy, an amino, a nitro or a mercapto group, an alkyl, an alkenyl, an alkynyl, a heteroalkyl, an aryl, a heteroaryl, a cycloalkyl, an alkylcycloalkyl, a heteroalkylcycloalkyl, a heterocycloalkyl, an aralkyl or a heteroaralkyl radical, or two of the radicals R² together form part of an aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, alkylcycloalkyl, heteroalkylcycloalkyl, aralkyl or a heteroaralkyl ring system,

R^3 is an alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, alkylcycloalkyl, heteroalkylcycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aralkyl or heteroaralkyl radical,

R^4 is a halogen atom, or a hydroxy, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or heteroalkyl group,

n is 0, 1 or 2, and

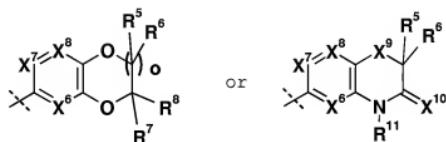
m is 0, 1 or 2,

or a pharmacologically acceptable salt, ~~selvate, hydrate~~ or a pharmacologically acceptable formulation thereof.

2. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein A is an oxygen or a sulphur atom or a group of formula CH_2 , CH_2CH_2 , $CH_2N(C_1-C_4\text{-Alkyl})$, $N(C_1-C_4\text{-Alkyl})CH_2$, CH_2O , OCH_2 , CH_2S , SCH_2 , $CH_2CH(OH)$, $CH(OH)$, $CH(OH)CH_2$, $NHCO$, $CONH$, $C(=O)CH_2$ or $CH_2C(=O)$.
3. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein three, four or five of the groups X^1 , X^2 , X^3 , X^4 and X^5 are CH groups.
4. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R^1 is a C_1-C_4 alkyloxy or a C_1-C_4 heteroalkyloxy group, wherein one or more hydrogen atoms of such groups may have been replaced by fluorine atoms.
5. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R^1 is a methoxy group.
6. (Withdrawn, Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R^2 is a hydroxy, a C_1-C_4 alkyl, a C_1-C_4 heteroalkyl or a C_6-C_{12} heteroaralkyl group.
7. (Withdrawn, Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R^3 is a heteroalkylcycloalkyl or a heteroaralkyl group.

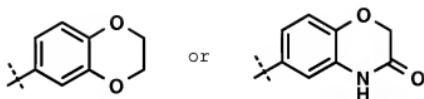
8. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R³ is a group of formula –B–Y, wherein B is an alkylene, an alkenylene, an alkynylene or a heteroalkylene group and Y is an aryl, a heteroaryl, an aralkyl, a heteroaralkyl, a cycloalkyl, a heterocycloalkyl, an alkylcycloalkyl or a heteroalkylcycloalkyl group.

9. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 8, wherein Y has one of the following structures,



wherein X⁶, X⁷ and X⁸ are each independently of the others nitrogen atoms or groups of formula CR⁹, X⁹ and X¹⁰ are each independently of the others oxygen or sulphur atoms or groups of formula NR¹⁰, o is 0, 1 or 2, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸ and R⁹ are each independently of the others hydrogen atoms, halogen atoms, hydroxy, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or heteroalkyl groups and R¹⁰ and R¹¹ are each independently of the others hydrogen atoms, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or heteroalkyl groups.

10. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 8, wherein Y has one of the following structures:

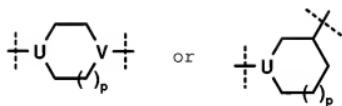


11. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein the linker –A–(CH₂)_n– has a chain length of 2 or 3 atoms.

12. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R⁴ is a fluorine or a chlorine atom or a C₁-C₄alkyloxy or a C₃-C₆dialkylaminomethyl group wherein one or more hydrogen atoms of such groups may have been replaced by fluorine atoms.

13. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein Cy is a cycloalkylene or a heterocycloalkylene group containing one or two rings and 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10 ring atoms.

14. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein Cy has one of the following structures:



wherein U is a nitrogen atom or a group of formulas CH or COH and V is a nitrogen atom or a CH group and p is 0 or 1.

15. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition that comprises a compound according to claim 1 as active ingredient and, optionally, carrier substances and/or adjuvants.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Withdrawn, Previously Presented) A method of treating a subject suffering from or susceptible to a bacterial infection comprising administering to the subject a compound of claim 1.